<u>Claims</u>

What is claimed is:

1	1.	A hair styling system for parting hair according to a predetermined pattern, the
2		hair styling system comprising:
3		a. a parting device with a tip portion for tracing through the hair; and
4		b. a stencil with a styling edge that is contoured with the predetermined
5		pattern,
6		wherein placing the stencil on an area of the hair, tracing the tip portion of the
7		parting device along the styling edge of the stencil and separating the hair along
8		the trace, parts the hair according to the predetermined pattern.
1	2.	The system of claim 1, wherein the styling edge of the stencil is contoured with a
2		plurality of geometric protrusions.
1	3.	The system of claim 2, wherein the plurality of geometric protrusion are selected
2		from a group consisting of rounded scallops, squared teeth and pointed teeth.
1	4.	The system of claim 1, wherein the stencil is a flattened elongated stencil formed
2		from a resilient material selected from the group consisting of plastic,
3		polyurethane and rubber.
1	5.	The system of claim 4, wherein the flattened elongated stencil has an average
2		length between 5 and 30 cm, an average width between of 2 to 10 cm and an
3		average thickness between 0.1 and 1cm.
1	6.	The system of claim 1, wherein the parting device comprises two handles that are
2		attached by one end of each handle to the tip portion.
1	7.	The system of claim 6, wherein two unattached ends of the handles are capable of
2		being aligned in a closed position and separated in an open position.

2 3	8.	tip portion through a hinge structure comprising a hinge element selected from the group consisting of a pin, a screw and a leaf spring.
1	9.	The system of claim 6, wherein the two handles and the tip portion are monolithic
2		and formed from a resilient material.
1	.10.	The system of claim 9, wherein the resilient material is selected from the group
2		consists of plastic, polyurethane and rubber.
1	12.	The system of claim 7, wherein the handles are flared at the unattached ends for
2		grasping and positioning the handles in the open and the closed positions.
1	13.	The system of claim 6, wherein unattached ends of the handles are reticulated.
1	14.	A system for parting hair comprising:
2		a) a tracing and separating means for tracing a predetermined pattern through the
3		hair and parting the hair according to the predetermined pattern; and
4		b) a stencil with a styling edge that outlines the predetermined pattern used to
5		guide the tracing and separating means through the hair according to the
6		predetermined pattern.
1	15.	The system of claim 14, wherein the styling edge of the stencil is an outer styling
2		edge of the stencil.
1	16.	The system of claim 15, wherein the stencil is a fattened elongated stencil is
2		formed from a resilient material that is capable of conforming to the curvature of
3		a human head.
1	17.	The system of claim 14, wherein the styling edge comprised a plurality of
2		reneating geometric protrusions

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2 3	18.	selected from a group consisting of round scallops, squared teeth and pointed teeth.
1 2	19.	The system of the claim 14, wherein the tracing and parting mean comprises two handles that are hingably attached to a tip section.
1 2	20.	The system of claim 19, wherein grasping ends of each of the handles are flared and reticulated.
1 2 3 4 5 6	21.	 A method for styling an area of hair comprising the step of: a. providing a stencil with a predetermined pattern; b. placing the stencil over area the area of the hair; c. tracing the predetermined pattern through the hair with a parting device; and d. separating the hair along the trace.
1 2	22.	The method of claim 21, wherein predetermined pattern is provided with an outer edge of the stencil.
1 2 3	23.	The method of claim 21, wherein the parting device comprises two hingably attached handles that are capable of opening and closing in a jaw-like fashion to facilitate the step of separating of the hair.